

Public Comment Period on the Draft Post-Closure Permit



FORWARD LANDFILL

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INTRODUCTION

The California Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has prepared this fact sheet to inform you of the public comment period for the Postclosure Permit renewal for the Forward Landfill located on Austin Road, near the city of Stockton, California in San Joaquin County. The existing Postclosure Permit for Forward has expired and needs to be renewed to ensure continued monitoring and maintenance at the closed hazardous waste unit. This fact sheet contains information on the public comment period, site background, the California Environmental Quality Act Notice of Exemption, information contacts, information repositories and mailing list information.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The public comment period for this Postclosure Permit begins on Wednesday, May 7, 2003 and ends on Friday, June 20, 2003. Written comments must be postmarked by Friday, June 20, 2003, and sent to:

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Interested parties can request a public hearing regarding the Draft Postclosure Permit for the closed hazardous management unit. Hearing requests must be sent to Raymond Leclerc at the address above and be received by the close of the public comment period. Hearing requests must state the reasons for a public hearing and the issues that would be aired at the public hearing.

Before making a final permit determination, DTSC will review and respond to all public comments in writing in the Response to Comments. Those who submitted comments and those who request a copy will receive the Response to Comments. A copy will also be placed in the information repositories listed in this fact sheet. The final permit determination will be public noticed in the Stockton Record.

BACKGROUND

Forward Landfill occupies approximately 157 acres and can currently receive designated and non-hazardous solid waste. The currently operating disposal site includes: 1. landfill waste management areas for waste treatment and disposal, 2. a transfer station/resource recovery facility for separating, sorting, and recycling activities, and 3. storage and support areas.

Waste Management Unit A (WMU A) is a closed class I hazardous waste disposal landfill unit that is currently undergoing postclosure monitoring, inspection, and maintenance. WMU A covers approximately 8 acres and contains 320,000 cubic yards of waste and operated from 1973 until 1984. The primary waste material found in WMU A is barium/strontium sludge from mining operations with other wastes including drilling muds and contaminated soils.

Closure of WMU A included the installation of an impermeable clay cover system, a groundwater monitoring system, a surface drainage control system, a leachate collection and removal system, and a landfill gas collection and detection system. Closure construction was completed in 1989.

A Postclosure Permit was issued on January 2, 1990, for postclosure operation and maintenance for WMU A. Postclosure activities included: groundwater monitoring, cover/drainage system inspection and maintenance, landfill gas collection, and leachate removal.



SITE LOCATION MAP

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Since closure construction was completed in 1989, Forward has continued with monitoring and maintenance activities at WMU A to ensure that hazardous wastes do not impact the environment. These monitoring and maintenance activities include:

- Recordkeeping,
- Groundwater and surface water monitoring programs,
- Surface water runoff control,
- Leachate detection and recovery systems,
- Post-closure inspection and maintenance,
- Annual third party inspection and reporting, and
- Contingency procedures.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), DTSC has reviewed the proposed postclosure activities and determined that will not have an adverse effect on public health and the environment and are exempt from CEQA. Therefore, DTSC has prepared a Notice of Exemption (NOE). The NOE is part of the administrative record for this project and a copy will be placed in the information repositories listed in this fact sheet.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you have any questions regarding Draft Postclosure Permit at the Forward Landfill, please contact the following DTSC representatives who will be glad to assist you:

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INFORMATION REPOSITORIES

The Draft Postclosure Permit and Postclosure Permit Application, and other site-related documents are available for public review in the information repositories listed below. The entire administrative record is available at the DTSC listed office. The administrative record includes copies of the postclosure permit application, Closure /Post-closure plans, the CEQA Notice of exemption and other specific documents.

Stockton Public Library
605 North El Dorado
Stockton, California

Department of Toxic Substances Control
8800 Cal Center Drive
Sacramento, CA 95826
Contact: Raymond Leclerc at (916) 255-3582

Hearing Impaired

You can obtain additional information by using the California State Relay Service at 1-888-877-5378 (TDD). Ask them to contact Randy Sturgeon at (916) 255-3649 regarding the Forward Landfill.

Mailing List

If you did not received this fact sheet in the mail and would like to be on Forward Landfill mailing list please fill out the information below and mail it to Randy Sturgeon, DTSC Sacramento Office, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, California, 95826. DTSC mailing lists are solely for the purpose of keeping persons informed of DTSC activities. Mailing lists are not routinely released to outside parties. However, they are considered public records, and, if requested, may be subject to release.

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